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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15 *on the 4th December* 1924.

1. Starred questions to be put at a meeting of the Council with their answers shall be printed and placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

. The Secretary shall call out the name of each interpellator in the order in which the names are printed, specify the serial number of his question and make a sufficient pause to give him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place and putting a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.

2. If a member responsible for a starred question happens to be absent when it is called, it will be open either to him or to any other member to put supplemental questions thereon after the other starred questions for the day have been answered, provided question-time is not thereby exceeded.

3. Questions, not starred, will not be called in Council, but they will be printed with their answers and placed on the table of the House along with the list of starred questions. Oral supplementary questions will not be allowed in regard to unstarred questions.]

## STARRED QUESTIONS.

### Agriculture.

*Appointment of the Principal of the Agricultural College.*

* 2318 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: With reference to the answer given to question No. 387 asked at the Legislative Council meeting of 8th February 1924, will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether any senior or seniors were overlooked when Mr. Norris was appointed to be Principal of the Agricultural College, Coimbatore, and if so, how many were overlooked and for what reasons?

*A.*—The appointment of Mr. Norris as acting Principal from 11th July 1920 to 18th February 1921 and again from 13th April 1922 to 22nd May 1922 was purely provisional and temporary, and it did not involve the permanent supersession of his seniors, four in number.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"Sir, I find that Mr. Norris was appointed first from 11th July 1920 to 18th February 1921, and then for another equally long period. I want to know the criterion by which these appointments are considered provisional and temporary, and not permanent."

The hon. Sir T. N. Sivagnanam Pillai:—"The arrangement was not to be continued, but it was meant to be temporary and provisional."

*Defalcation in the office of the Deputy Director of Agriculture.*

* 2319 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: With reference to question No. 1147 and answer thereto given on 12th November 1924, will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the investigation regarding the defalcation of Rs. 1,930 in the office of the Deputy Director of Agriculture (Livestock) has been completed; and

(*b*) if so, with what results?